



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 PSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2010 PSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 PSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 PSGP will be \$288,000,000.

3. What are the priorities for the FY 2010 PSGP?

The Department has identified the following four priorities as its selection criteria for all FY 2010 PSGP applicants:

- ***Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)***
MDA is the critical enabler that allows leaders at all levels to make effective decisions and act early against threats to the security of the nation's seaports. In support of the National Strategy for Maritime Security, port areas should seek to enhance their MDA through projects that address knowledge capabilities within the maritime domain. This could include access control/standardized credentialing, command and control, communications and enhanced intelligence sharing and analysis. This may also include construction or infrastructure improvement projects that are identified in the Port Wide Risk Management Plan (PRMP) and/or Facility Security Plans (FSPs) and/or Vessel Security Plans (VSPs).
- ***Enhancing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities***
Port areas continue to enhance port capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks employing IEDs, CBRNE and other non-conventional weapons. Of particular concern in the port environment are attacks that employ IEDs delivered via small craft (similar to the attack on the USS Cole), by underwater swimmers (such as underwater mines) or on ferries (both passenger and vehicle). The DHS Small Vessel Security Strategy April 2008 document can be found at http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/gc_1209408805402.shtm.

- ***Training and Exercises***
Port areas should seek to ensure that appropriate capabilities exist among staff and managers, and then regularly test these capabilities through emergency exercises and drills. Exercises must follow the Area Maritime Security Training Exercise Program or the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) ISTEP (Security Training Exercise Program) guidelines that test operational protocols that would be implemented in the event of a terrorist attack. These efforts include live situational exercises involving various threat and disaster scenarios, table-top exercises and methods for implementing lessons learned.
- ***Efforts supporting implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)***
TWIC is a congressionally-mandated security program through which DHS will conduct appropriate background investigations and issue biometrically enabled and secure identification cards for individuals requiring unescorted access to U.S. port facilities. Regulations outlining the initial phase of this program (card issuance) were issued by TSA in cooperation with the Coast Guard in 72 Federal Register 3492 (January 25, 2007).

4. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 PSGP funds?

Seven port areas have been selected as Group I (highest risk) and forty-eight port areas have been selected as Group II. Ports not identified in Group I or II are eligible to apply as a Group III or "All Other Port Areas" applicant. There is no designated Ferry appropriation. Ferry Systems in Group I and II can apply through the designated Fiduciary Agent (FA). All other Ferry Systems should apply with the Group III and "All Other Port Areas". "All Other Port Areas" within Group I, II or III are allowed to receive grant funds from their geographically proximate higher group if the project has regional impact across the entire port area, but not from both funding groups for the same project.

5. How will the FY 2010 PSGP funds be allocated?

Each Group I and Group II port area has been designated a target amount of money based upon the FY 2010 risk analysis. Group III and "All Other Port Areas" (including new Group II port areas that choose to opt out of the FA process) will compete for the funding identified in their corresponding group. Applications will be reviewed at the field-level managed by the applicable U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, and at the national level by subject matter experts from DHS and the Department of Transportation.

6. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 PSGP?

The key milestones associated with PSGP are:

- December 8, 2009: PSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- January 13, 2010: Fiduciary Agent change/selection due to Program Office
- February 12, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA
- April 19, 2010: Investment Justifications for Group I and Group II port areas due to DHS-FEMA

7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 PSGP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

8. Where is the FY 2010 PSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 PSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

9. How will the FY 2010 PSGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, February 12, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

10. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

11. What is the FY 2010 PSGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months.